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ARTS TROUPE

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, SINCE REFTEL PRCLO HAS INFORMED NATIONAL COMMITTEE
ON US-CHINA RELATIONS (NC) OF PROPOSED ITINERARY AND
SCHEDULE FOR CHINESE PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE (CPAT) WITH
RESULT THAT NC STILL HAS MAJOR OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME
TO MAKE THIS US TOUR POSSIBLE. NC HAS AGAIN REQUESTED
DEPARTMENT TO INFORM YOU OF THESE PROBLEMS.

2. CHINESE HAVE AGREED TO GET CPAT TO US BY MARCH 30
AS PROPOSED BY NC BUT CHANGE OF SCHEDULE THEY PROPOSE
CREATES GREAT DIFFICULTIES IN BOOKING THEATERS AND WOULD
ELIMINATE POSSIBILITY OF APPEARANCE IN WASHINGTON.
KENNEDY CENTER IS AVAILABLE APRIL 21-26 ONLY AND NO
OTHER THEATER IN WASHINGTON HAS FACILITIES FOR CPAT. A
NEW COMPLICATION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED BY CHINESE REQUIRE-
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MENT OF ONE REST DAY AFTER EACH TWO DAYS OF PERFORMING,

AND NC FINDS THIS UNREASONABLY COSTLY SINCE PERFORMANCE IS NOT PHYSICALLY DEMANDING. NC HAS ALSO LEARNED CHINESE INTEND TO BRING 14 TONS OF CARGO INCLUDING

BAGGAGE, PROPS AND EQUIPMENT, AND AIRLINES MUST KNOW DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS OF ALL MAJOR PIECES.

3. NC DISCUSSED THESE MATTERS FEBRUARY 3 WITH PRCLO AND OFFERED ALTERNATE SCHEDULE BUT HAS NOT YET HAD RESPONSE FROM CHINESE. NC HAS TOLD PRCLO IF CPAT CANNOT MAKE WASHINGTON PERFORMANCES DURING APRIL 21-26 PERIOD (AS PROVIDED IN ORIGINAL NC SCHEDULE) THERE CAN BE NO WASHINGTON APPEARANCE. (BEGIN FYI: IF THEY CANNOT AGREE TO FIRST OR SECOND PROPOSED SCHEDULE, NC IS CONCERNED IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO POSTPONE ENTIRE CPAT TOUR. END FYI)

4. ON FEBRUARY 3 AMBASSADOR BUSH WAS BRIEFED ON URGENCY OF SITUATION BY CU. NC IS UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE FROM THEATERS, HOTELS AND AIRLINES AND IS ONLY ABLE TO MAINTAIN PRESENT BOOKINGS ON DAY-TO-DAY BASIS.

5. USLO AT ITS DISCRETION SHOULD TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE TO UNDERScore TO THE CHINESE THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SCHEDULING PROBLEM. KISSINGER

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